

## CHARGES OF HANKS NOT BORNE OUT

Interstate Commerce Commission  
Sends in Report Showing  
Them Unfounded.

### LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

He Writes Mr. Hanks That No  
Further Attention Will Be Paid  
to His Allegations.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—That Messrs. Hanks and Harriman failed to substantiate their assertion that grave errors appeared in the statistical work of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

That they failed to show, in accordance with their claim, that the freight and passenger rates of the country could be reduced an average of 10 per cent, without reducing wages or dividends.

These, in substance, are the conclusions of the Interstate Commerce Commission in its report today to the Senate, in response to a resolution of that body concerning the employment of Messrs. Charles S. Hanks and George W. Harriman. These gentlemen made an investigation of the Interstate Commerce Commission after several conferences with the President and the members of the commission, when, it is stated, they assured the President that grave errors and shortcomings existed in the work of the commission, and that they could revolutionize the work of that body.

The commission's report states that Messrs. Hanks and Harriman were afforded every facility in their investigation, and that they were continued in that service until it was convinced "that their criticisms were without merit and that they had no suggestions to make which had not already been anticipated."

### All the Details Given.

The commission goes into detail concerning the work of the investigators, the result of their examination, the time they were employed and the compensation they received.

Accompanying the commission's report is the report of Messrs. Charles P. Nell, Commissioner of Labor; James R. Garfield, Commissioner of Corporations; and Mr. Stark, a bank examiner, who, at the request of the President, made a thorough investigation of the charges preferred against the statistical work of the commission.

The special committee made an examination of three specific charges against the statistical work of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and its findings, in brief, are that Messrs. Hanks and Harriman "were unable to present anything to the committee which successfully attacked the integrity of the statistical work of the commission or vitiated its general results."

### President Writes Plainly.

Also appended to the commission's report is a sharp letter from President Roosevelt to Mr. Hanks, dated January 23 last, in which it is stated that the charges are completely disproved. The President's letter to Mr. Hanks is as follows:

"The White House.  
"Washington, D. C., Jan. 31, 1907.  
"My Dear Mr. Hanks:—I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd, in which you herewith report the results of your investigation of the statistical work of the Interstate Commerce Commission. I am glad to hear that you were able to get Mr. Harriman to make after repeated efforts on my part. Mr. Stark's report in the report. The charges are completely disproved.

"Last winter you came to me on several occasions, sometimes with and sometimes without Mr. Harriman, asserting that very grave errors and shortcomings existed in the work of the Interstate Commerce Commission, these being due primarily to the work of its statisticians, Mr. Adams. The allegations were made so grave, that I had both of you meet certain members of the commission, on which occasion you stated that you would be able to put the commission in possession of information which would practically revolutionize much of the work they were doing. If you were given the chance to have access to their books, the commission, at my request, gave you such access. You were engaged in the researches last spring. When I returned to Washington last fall, I heard from both Mr. Harriman and you upon different occasions that you had found errors of the gravest and grossest character in the work of the statisticians—errors which completely nullified and rendered valueless the work of the whole commission.

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he believed the charges were without foundation.

### The Charges Disproved.

"You and Mr. Harriman insisted that Mr. Austin had erred, and you yourself suggested that I should have Mr. Nell and one or more bank examiners examine your charges.

"I summoned Mr. Harriman to meet me with Mr. Nell, Mr. Garfield and Mr. Adams. I spent an entire evening endeavoring to get Mr. Harriman to make specific charges, telling him that he had been many months at work, and that it was out of the question for me any longer to accept general allegations or sweeping accusations without specific statements to back them up. It proved exceedingly difficult to pin him down to anything specific; but I finally did pin him down to three definite charges. I explained to him repeatedly that he must then and there make any charges he had to make; that it was impossible to take up the time of officers of the administration at large with loose declamation, and that I would consider nothing whatever save what charges he then and there presented; that I would have them tested by a commission, consisting of Mr. Garfield, Mr. Nell and Mr. Stark, one of the best bank examiners in the government service. The examination has been made and the charges of Mr. Harriman are found to be without any foundation whatever.

"Under the circumstances it would be simply folly for me to pay any further heed to any allegations whatever made in regard to the work of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The incident is closed, and I shall forward a copy of this letter to the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"I am, very truly yours,  
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

## WANT TO INVESTIGATE ENTIRE POSTAL SYSTEM

This and Reduction of Railway  
Mail Pay Only Changes Made  
by New Bill.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 4.—When the post-office appropriation bill was reported to-day both the postal commission and the post-office committees of the two houses had decided not to offer at this Congress a bill embodying the recommendations of the commission, or any part of it, except a reduction in railway mail pay and the recommendation of the commission to investigate fully the whole post-office and post roads system, along with an investigation of departmental affairs, the members of the commission reserving the right to oppose any specific section of the bill reported as a whole.

Representative Moon, senior Democrat on both the post-office committee and the postal commission, said today: "There is no purpose on the part of the commission to put any unnecessary burdens upon newspapers, or in any sense to establish government censorship. The measures recommended are purely suggestive and tentative, pending a further investigation embracing all postal questions except as to railway mail pay and the scope of the investigation provided in the appropriation bill."

## KAPPA ALPHAS LOSE THEIR CHAPTER HOUSE

University Students Fight Fire in  
Freezing Weather—Other  
Property Endangered.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., February 4.—The chapter-house of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity at the University of Virginia was totally destroyed by fire, which was discovered at 8 o'clock this morning in the furnace-room. E. Leland Taylor, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., who was first aroused by the glare of the light on his window, had great difficulty in awakening his fellow-students and several accounts attired only in pajamas. The following list practically all the contents of their apartments: William W. Ball, of Mayville, Ky.; Benjamin B. Harvey, Jr., of Memphis, Tenn.; J. Franklin Pinner, of Suffolk, Va.; J. Falls Maury, of Memphis, Tenn.; Samuel J. Bingham, of

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Louisville, Ky., and Earl N. Floyd, of Meridian, Miss.

The other occupants of the building, who suffered more or less loss, were E. Hammond Johnson, of Norfolk, Va., captain of the Varsity football eleven; Lewis R. Hampton, of Winchester, Ky.; William R. C. Cooke, of Bransford Bluff, Va.; Clifford F. Clarke, of Lexington, Ky.; Gilbert Burnett, of Louisville, Ky.; and J. Keene Dalgard, of Lexington, Ky.

All kinds of bad luck attended. The fire company went astray in some way, and returned to the fire-house without discovering the location of the fire. Of course, in responding to the second call the overloaded horses, making their way up grade, were badly blown and made little speed.

Before the arrival of the Charlottesville Company, composed chiefly of students, had attached the hose to the nearest fire plug, and had the stream playing on the building, but only for a few minutes before the hose parted. The broken section being replaced, the time the Charlottesville company hose-wagon reached the ground, the most significant result was proof that there was not sufficient gravity force to play the water over the building. Of course, the next step was to procure the engine, and a trip to the firehouse for this appliance was necessary. The badly used-up horses were not in a condition to rush the engine to the fire. It reached there probably an hour after the first alarm had been turned in. The fire had then gotten such headway that there was nothing that could be done but to control it in the interest of nearby property.

There is no question that the building could have been saved if the Charlottesville company had reached it with its engine in half an hour after the alarm had been turned in.

As usual in such cases, the students were present in large numbers, lending a hand with their accustomed enthusiasm and energy. They did work for which they deserve the highest praise, and kept at it to the end, although drenched with water, which was an exceedingly disagreeable plight in the freezing atmosphere.

The fraternity is an old one at the university, having been organized here in 1878, but the building was new, the present being the first session of its occupancy. It was the property of Mrs. Warner Wood, and was valued at about \$15,000; insured.

During the progress of the fire about \$50,000 worth of property was more or less endangered; but fortunately there was almost no breeze astir during the two hours when the fire raged. The little breeze blowing from the north, which saved the Stockton house and St. Anthony Hall, the home of the Delta Psi. The danger to the Stockton house was so imminent that the fire department removed Mrs. William Woods's house, to the west, was saved by wet blankets and frequent application of water.

## CRIDDLE AND BOWEN TO BE TRIED AGAIN

First Term of Chesterfield Circuit  
Court Begins Monday—Farm-  
ers to Meet.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHESTERFIELD, Va., February 4.—The first term of the Circuit Court this year will be opened here next Monday, the 11th. Awaiting trial on the criminal docket are the Commonwealth's cases against Charles E. Bowen, charged with highway robbery, who has already been twice tried with the result that the jury's verdict of a term of years in the penitentiary have been set aside by the court, and against R. E. Criddle, an ex-trustee of Liberty Council, No. 13, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Swansboro, twice indicted for embezzlement of his order, on one of which indictments he has already been tried and acquitted. Other minor cases have come up from the justices' courts, but no grand jury will be ordered until the regular grand jury term in April. A venire has been summoned for Monday.

A list of appropriations for 1907 just certified to the Auditor General, Public Accounts, shows that about 625 transfers of real estate took place in the county in 1906 by bargain and sale deeds, 400 of which were in No. 1 Commissioner's District, "being largely in Manchester Magisterial District. About the same number of trust deeds were also recorded.

At the last supervisors' meeting Dr. John A. Kiernan, V. S. United States cattle inspector, suggested to the board that a farmers' institute be held here as soon as the weather opens up sufficiently to warrant a good attendance. The suggestion met favor, and will be taken up by the county officials in furtherance of the work of tick eradication, so that Chesterfield may soon be admitted into the list of counties whose cattle are not quarantined against for markets north of James River. The matter is of much importance to Amelia, Powhatan and other counties, against which no quarantine now stands, but which are hampered in getting their cattle into Richmond because they will be considered infected if driven through Chesterfield.

## WOMEN FIGHT UNTIL BOTH ARE BLOODY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, Va., February 4.—Mrs. Anna Goldstein and Mrs. I. Goldstein had a terrific fight this morning on the streets here, and created great excitement. Each of the principals was armed with pop bottles, and it was only after much blood had been shed that they were parted. Mrs. I. Goldstein received a severe cut over the head. The belligerents married brothers. Mrs. Anna Goldstein recently secured a divorce from her husband.

### Hymns and Hymn-Writers.

Rev. Robert Forsythe, rector of St. Paul's Church, will deliver a lecture at Immanuel Baptist Church Thursday night on "Hymns and Hymn-Writers." A large and well drilled choir will sing a number of the hymns embraced in the lecture, and the entertainment promises to be one of unusual interest.

## SHAW LIKELY TO BE MADE CHIEF



ACTING CHIEF SHAW.

A lively contest is on for the vacancy as chief of the Fire Department to succeed the late W. G. Puller, and for the vacancy as assistant chief, in the event Acting Chief Shaw is promoted to the command of the department. So far as openly admitted, Captain Shaw will have little opposition for the position of chief, he having long acted in that capacity, and during the recent dangerous fires in which the department was so generally commended for its excellent work. He has long been connected with the department, and has rendered valuable service. It appears to be conceded that he will be advanced to the vacancy, though

members of the board will not discuss the matter.

For assistant chief, the post now held by Mr. Shaw, there are several active aspirants, among them Councilman Otto F. Wise, the present acting assistant, who succeeded temporarily to the command of the department after the injury to Assistant Chief Shaw at the Whitehurst fire recently. He is attached to Engine Company, No. 4. Captain J. F. Ruffo, of Engine Company, No. 10; Captain Charles S. Alderson, of Engine Company, No. 9, and Captain W. J. Jones, of Engine Company, No. 5, are also urged for the position of assistant chief.

The board determined to postpone the regular meeting, scheduled for last night, and to hold the meeting next Monday night instead.

that this difference exerts an injurious influence on the price paid for cotton.

## FOOT CRUSHED OFF; YOUNG MAN DIES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, Va., February 4.—William Davis, the young man whose foot was crushed off by a street car Saturday afternoon, died late this afternoon. He had been employed in the light department of the Lynchburg Traction and Light company. The accident occurred when he attempted to board a moving car.

### Board of Health.

The Board of Health held a brief meeting last night, at which it merely recommended to the Council an ordinance providing for the employment of a physician as quarantine officer and medical inspector, and for an additional clerk and stenographer. The ordinance was later introduced in the Common Council and sent to the Committee on Ordinances.

These additional attaches of the Health Department were recommended to the Finance Committee by the department, and are being provided for in the budget, but when it became known that an ordinance creating the positions would have to be offered, this action was taken.

### Monthly Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the members of the Leigh Street Baptist Church was held last night in the lecture-room of the church. Rev. W. A. Dorset, pastor, presided, and the reports showed the work of the church to be in good condition.

### Church Debt Raised.

The entire debt of nearly \$1,100 was raised on Sunday morning at Trinity Place Methodist Church. This balance has been carried by the church for about three years, and the pastor, Rev. George H. McFadden, is being highly congratulated on having the debt wiped out.

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## NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Convict Employed in Quarry  
Tried to Make His Escape  
Wednesday Morning.

### VETERANS HEAR SERMON

Owing to Inclement Weather Po-  
lice Commissioners Did  
Not Meet.</